(b) A total amount of Rs. 9868.18 Crores was allocated by Government of India to the States/UTs till year 2004-05 under the SSA.

(c) Atotal amount of Rs. 11722.42 crores has been the expenditure of SSA till March 2005, which includes funds received by way of GOI & State Share and funds carried forward from previous years.

(d) Less than 50 percent expenditure is reported in the State of Arunachal Pradesh.

Mass education till Class XII

21. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to treat education upto class XII as mass education;

(b) if so, the work-plan to turn it account; and

(c) if not, what else is the status of mass education in the future target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Facilities in Government Schools

22. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to provide better educational facilities particularly in the Government schools where most of the students belong to the families which are unable to afford expenses of education;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Most schools come within the purview of the State Boards of Secondary Education under

the respective State Governments. Only Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navodaya Vidyalayas and schools of the Central Tibetan School Administration are within the purview of the Government of India. It is the Government's constant endeavour to provide improved facilities in its schools.

Massive shortfall of teachers

23. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there would be a massive shortfall of teachers against the increasing demand of teachers in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the remedial measures Government propose to meet the situation; and

(c) the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken to accelerate teachers training programmes both for the domestic and international purposes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes Sir, as per data supplied by the States/UTs there is shortage of teachers in schools in some States/UTs.

(b) and (c) Additional posts of teachers are being sanctioned under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan based on the requirement projected by the States in their District Elementary Education Plans. Accordingly 5.46 lakh posts of teachers have been sanctioned up to 2004-05.

National Council for Teacher Education has decided to take various pro-active measures to meet the requirement of trained teachers. Some of the measures taken are indicated below:—

* State Governments have been asked to increase the intake in DIETs up to a maximum of 200 seats.

* NCTE has dispensed with the requirement of 'No Objection Certificate' from State/UT Governments for establishing elementary teachers training facilities for a period of three years for those institutions already running B.Ed programmes recognized by NCTE.